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HB 5537

My name is Janet Haley. I live at 26 Meadow Crossing, Simsbury. I am writing to express my opposition to HB 5537, Section 42 [6].

My reasons for opposing this bill are:

Speech Language Pathologists (SLP's) are not required to take course work in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Additionally, there are no training or experience requirements related to the provision of behavior analytic services. Therefore, ABA is not within the scope of practice of Speech Language Pathologists. I believe consumers of ABA services would be negatively affected by this modification to the SLP's scope of practice.

The scope of practice of Behavior Analysts has been defined in existing CT legislation, and the expansion of an SLP's scope of practice would negatively impact other professionals including Board Certified Behavior Analysts and School Psychologists.

Any proposed expansion of an SLP's scope of practice must first be reviewed in accordance with Public Act 11-209, An Act Concerning the Department of Health's Oversight Responsibilities Relating to Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Care Professionals.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

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